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SUBJECT: BAUXITE/REYNOLDS

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1. FONMIN RAMPHAL TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HAD TALKED WITH PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM ABOUT REYNOLDS PROBLEM AS HE HAD SAID HE WOULD (REFTEL). HE SAID HE HAD RELAYED MY APPRENSIONS AND HAD EXPRESSED THOSE WHICH HE HIMSELF HAD DEVELOPED DURING OUR TALK YESTERDAY. BURNHAM REPORTEDLY RESPONDED WITH AN ASSURANCE THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF DOING ANYTHING DRAMATIC WITH RESPECT TO REYNOLDS ON FEB 23 AND CLAIMED HE NEVER HAD HAD ANY SUCH INTENTION. (MAYBE SO.)

2. RAMPHAL SAID HE HAD TAKEN OPPORTUNITY TO URGE BURNHAM TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY AND HAD WARNED HIM THAT WITH COUNTRY IN PRESENT STATE OF FINANCIAL CRISIS IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE TO PUSH FOR TOO DEFINITIVE AN ANSWER ON COMPANY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD EVENTUAL GOG PARTICIPATION SINCE THIS MIGHT WELL PRECIPITATE DECISIONS WHICH WOULD BRING ON CONFRONTATION. AGAIN, RAMPHAL SAID, BURNHAM AGREED.

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3. RAMPHAL DID NOT SEEK CLARIFY APPARENT CONFUSION ON DATE

AND PERSONAL PARTICIPATION BY BURNHAM IN TALKS WITH GOLDBERG AND MC CONNELL. WE AGREED TO LET GOLDBERG WORK THINGS OUT DIRECTLY WITH PRIME MINISTER.

4. FOREGOING IS ENCOURAGING, OF COURSE, BUT WE CAN SEE GOG'S PROBLEMS WITH SIMPLY PERMITTING REYNOLDS' OPERATION TO DRIFT ALONG IN PRESENT STATE. THERE UNDOUBTEDLY ARE PRESSURES FOR CHANGE. REITERATE HOPE THAT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES WILL COME HERE PREPARED TO PROPOSE ALTERNATIVES. KING

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